Right to Work as Fundamental Right

743. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have abandoned the proposal to include the right to work as a fundamental right in the Constitution; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) Government is seized of the issue in the context of generating more employment opportunities for all concerned.

Plan Outlay and Priority Sectors in the Eighth Five Year Plan

744. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 69 given in Rajya Sabha on the 2nd January, 1991 and state what will be the outlay in the Eighth Five Year Plan and what are the priority sectors therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): Eighth Five Year Plan is in the process of finalisation. The exercises relating to the outlay for the Eighth Five Year Plan are underway.

Within the framework of Approach to the Eighth Five Year Plan, as approved by the National Development Council, some of the priorities are employment generation, powerty alleviation, rural development, improvement of land and environment, literacy and education with special emphasis on female education.

Lessons from Gulf War

745. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government drawn any lessons from the character of the war in the Gulf between Iraq and the coalition of multinational forces led by USA;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof;

(c) whether they have induced us to review and revise our military doctrine; and

(d) whether the lessons drawn have been or are going to be integrated into our defence system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) It would be possible to draw lessons from the Gulf war only after its conclusion and on the availability, thereafter, of reliable information.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Programmes relating to Girls' Child Year

746. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, due to economy measures adopted by Government, all the seminars, workshops and training programmes relating to Girls' Child Year have been stalled;

(b) if so, what are the details of such activities of the voluntary organisations, which have been stopped as a result thereof; and

(c) what is the period for which Government proposed to put a ban on welfare activities undertaken by the voluntary organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) to (c) The Government has put a complete ban on all conferences, seminars and workshops irrespective of the scheme under which they are proposed to be held. There were three separate requests received from voluntary organisations belonging to Assam, Delhi and Andhra Pradesh for holding a seminar, a conference and a workshop respectively. Their requests for

financial assistance could not be considered due to the economy measures taken by the Government. The ban will remain effective until further orders. However, there is no ban on training programmes.

Monitoring of the Movements of Mr. A. Khashoggi in India

747. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the controversy generated following the visit of Mr. A. Khashoggi to India;

(b) whether Government have monitored his movements within the country; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Mr. Khashoggi met any person in Government; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government are aware of any notices or summons served on Mr. Khashoggi by any Indian Court; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Government have taken note of the views expressed by certain political personalities on Mr. Khashoggi's visit.

(b) No, Sir. ....

(c) During the course of his visit to India, Mr. Adnan Khashoggi called on the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister. The discussions were of general nature.

(d) No, Sir. ..

Steps to Rehabilitate the Victims of Gulf Movement

748. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps were taken by Government of West Bengal and Government of India to rehabilitate the victims of G.N.L.F. movement in Darjeeling, details thereof;

(b) whether this process of rehabilitation has been completed; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Militant Outfits in North-East

749. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Liberation Front of Assam has written to the Governor of Assam expressing a desire to enter into a dialogue;

(b) whether concurrently a number of militant outfits in the North-East have agreed to constitute themselves into an Indo-Burmese Liberation Front;

(c) if so, what are the names of those outfits;

(d) whether Government have accepted ULFA's offer for talks; and

(e) by when will those talks take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government are not aware of the existence of "Indo-Burmese Liberation Front".

(d) and (e) The Government of India are prepared to talk to any one within the framework of the Constitution of India and without compromising the sovereignty and integrity of the country.